

S. Africa: Angola policy remains

South African Defence Minister Pieter Botha said yesterday that his country plans no changes in its strategy on Angola. Botha had been asked to comment on a report by the National Broadcasting Company in New York that South Africa would withdraw its troops from Angola within the next two days.

Earlier, the South African Government had banned local newspapers from publishing the American radio report, which said that Pretoria had informed President Ford of its intention to take out its estimated 1,000 troops and 100 armoured cars from the former Portuguese colony.

U.S. Officials said in Washington the White House had been told informally that South Africa was preparing to withdraw its troops from Angola. But they gave no details, and the White House said later there had been no direct diplomatic contact from South Africa.

The NBC report claimed that the South African move would be "designed to strengthen the hands of pro-Western members of the Organization of African Unity" who will meet in Addis Ababa for three days starting tomorrow to find a solution to the Angola crisis. The members are sharply divided into two camps over recognition of which group should rule Angola. The OAU foreign ministers meet today to decide on the agenda, with 1 of the 46 members having already recognized the Soviet-backed FPLA.

Yesterday, Uganda radio broadcast a call for an Angola cease-fire midnight tomorrow by President Idi Amin, the OAU chairman, who said he wanted hostilities stopped in advance of the Addis Ababa meeting.

In Washington, the White House declined to comment on the NBC report which came just a few hours after a presidential spokesman expressed official dismay over Soviet involvement in Angola and over the approach of a Soviet guided missile destroyer to the West African coast.

In his statement yesterday, De- (Continued on page 4, col. 5)

Six-man Fatah cell uncovered

Security forces recently detained six members of a Fatah cell in the al-Bus area, the IDF spokesman announced yesterday.

The six were found in possession of a considerable quantity of arms and sabotage materials of all kinds, he said.

Terrorist acts attributed to the six men include the murder of a bus driver and the theft of a money in June, 1973; putting explosive charges near a Kfar Saba house, another in Azur, and a synagogue at Abu-Kabir, Jaffa, and placing others beneath parked cars.

Chou En-lai dies of cancer, at 78

Premier Chou En-lai of China died yesterday in Peking of cancer, according to an official New China News Agency announcement. He was 78.

Chou was China's top administrator for over a quarter of a century, standing by the side of Chairman Mao Tse-tung who led the revolution that transformed the lives of 700 million Chinese people. Aristocrat, scholar, Marxist, Chou had been Prime Minister since the People's Republic was established in 1949. He had been in ill health for a long time. U.S. officials said he had been unable to speak properly at recent meetings with American visitors.

The descendant of Mandarin forbearers who turned Communist revolutionary in his youth had been confined to a hospital for much of the time since the spring of 1974 when he was stricken with a heart ailment.

His death was announced by the official Chinese news agency, monitored by Radio Press in Tokyo. It was confirmed by the U.S. State Department in Washington.

Aside from Mao, he was the Chinese figure best known to the outside world. Millions of Americans saw him on live television during the week-long visit in February, 1972, of President Nixon to China. It was Chou, in seemingly tireless negotiations with Nixon's chief adviser and later Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, who brought about the historic about-face in Chinese policy which made the visit and improved Sino-American relations possible.

Suavely handsome, charismatic and boundlessly energetic, Chou's ability to take the middle road ensured his survival in the often turbulent world of Chinese Communist politics. From the 1930s he identified himself with Mao and for years was content to be no. 3 in the Communist hierarchy.

But when other leaders — President Liu Shao-chi and Defense Minister Lin Biao — fell by the wayside during the 1966-69 cultural revolution and its aftermath, Chou emerged as no. 2. Throughout the cultural purge, which convulsed the party and administration, he laboured as mediator while invoking the authority of Mao. Besides being Premier, he was the first Vice-Chairman of the party, a Vice-Chairman of its military commission and a member of the Politburo Standing Committee.

Throughout his illness Chou continued to interest himself in political affairs. He met important foreign visitors in his hospital suite and kept a finger on the pulse of Chinese life. But in September 1975, his doctors forbade him even the brief interviews he had had in the past. On his eighth Peking visit in October 1975, Kissinger sent him flowers and got back a personal note but there was no meeting.

During his illness, First Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, was in charge. One of Chou's boldest acts

was to raise Teng, then 70, from disgrace in 1973 and turn over to him the reins of government. A short tough man exuding bird-like cheerfulness and puckish wit, Teng is counted on by Western observers to pursue Chou's policies.

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ISRAEL WON'T IGNORE ANY CHANGE IN LEBANON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel would view with "grave concern" any change in Lebanon that could adversely affect Israel's security, officials in Jerusalem said yesterday.

They were responding to a warning issued on Wednesday by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam that Syria would annex all of Lebanon if there were an attempt to partition the country into Moslem and Christian states. Earlier yesterday, Defence Minister Shimon Peres told a "Ma'ariv" reporter that Israel could not remain "indifferent" if Syria intervened in Lebanon.

Jerusalem analysts believe that Khaddam's warning was designed largely to deter Lebanon's Christians from taking any steps in the direction of partition. There have been persistent reports that the Phalangists are seeking to establish a separate Christian state.

Thus while Syria may at this stage be simply sending warning signals, there is a danger that a further deterioration in Lebanon could lead to concrete moves for partition which could in turn invite Syrian intervention.

In such an event, Israel would be faced with the question of taking counter-steps, as yesterday's statements in Jerusalem attest.

The analysts point out that a de facto partition between Christian and Moslem areas in Lebanon is already slowly taking place as the warring parties remain ensconced within their own lines and areas.

In Washington, the State Department yesterday strongly criticized Israel and Syria for threatening intervention in the civil war in Lebanon. Spokesman Robert Fumeth said, "We are opposed to any outside intervention in Lebanon by any country, including Syria and Israel."

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Golan	51	4-11	5-10
Nahariya	45	4-11	5-10
Safed	52	4-8	4-8
Haifa	52	9-11	4-14
Tiberias	36	6-14	5-12
Nazareth	36	6-14	5-12
Afula	38	3-16	2-16
Beisan	38	6-12	5-11
Shamron	38	6-12	5-11
Tel Aviv	43	9-13	8-13
B-G Airport	33	3-19	5-13
Jericho	44	6-18	5-18
Gaza	64	6-17	6-17
Beerseba	35	8-16	5-16
Eilat	35	17-18	17-18
Tiran	39	13-21	13-21

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Lord and Lady Janet of London.

Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives last night were the guests of Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur. Other guests included Justice Minister Haim Zadok, Moshe Dayan, and senior army officers. Earlier the Americans had been luncheon guests of Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The Ambassador of England, Thomas Anthony Elliot, yesterday called on Police Minister Shlomo Hillel. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot yesterday also visited Bar-Ilan University and called on its rector, Prof. Milton Sprecher.

Canadian Ambassador Edward Lee yesterday toured the Hebrew University campus in Jerusalem. On Wednesday Mr. Lee paid an official call on Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

The Mayor of Johannesburg and Mrs. Max Nettepe yesterday visited Bar-Ilan University and called on its director-general, Mattityahu Adier.

Professor Yakar Kammal, 33, has been appointed Head of the Weizmann Institute's Pure Mathematics Department, replacing Professor Achi Brandt, now on sabbatical leave in the U.S.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Israel Tassili, editor and author.

An Oneg Shabbat (in English) will be held tonight at Helchal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8.30 p.m. Dr. Yehonatan Fogelman and Benjamin Avieles of the Foreign Ministry will be the speakers. Zvirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Haim Zohar as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

BAR MITZVA
GROSS. — Hillel Shaul, son of Ruth and David Gross of Beit Zayit, celebrated his Bar Mitzva yesterday at Ma'aleh Adumim.

Move to extradite Michael Robinson

Hearing before magistrate today

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Michael Robinson, 31-year-old son of the late Swiss-Israeli financier William Robinson, will be brought before a Jerusalem magistrate this morning, following extradition request from the Swiss police.

An order for Robinson's arrest was issued in Switzerland last June after authorities closed down the family's bank for alleged mismanagement. The elder Robinson, who fell to his death from a Tel Aviv apartment about the same time, was not involved in the investigation.

Michael Robinson, who was arrested in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, has been living in the city with his wife and two children since his father's death.

The manager of Bank Robinson in Basel, Ernest Bruger, was arrested last June.

A close friend of Michael Robinson told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he doubted whether

Robinson would fight extradition, which would be a lengthy and complex legal process taking at least two months.

Robinson's lawyer, Yehuda Moritz, told The Post that the official Swiss documents detailing the extradition request had not yet arrived. He said his client had not decided whether to fight or accept the extradition.

Robinson's arrest follows the sale last month of National Breweries — owned by his late father — for \$8m. to a Canadian group of investors.

Besides the breweries, William Robinson's assets in Israel included majority holdings in the Zenith Overseas Radio Corporation (Israel), a plastic and bottle cap plant in Mispe Ramon, and Servodynamics — the local agency for Singer sewing machines. After his death, it emerged that his shares in these companies had been pledged to serve off the collapse of the bank managed by his son.

Hillel says there's no crime wave

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — Police Minister Shlomo Hillel denied yesterday that a crime wave was sweeping the country, saying that the spate of recent reports on protection rackets, arson and police was really a reflection of "police achievement."

Speaking to reporters at the dedication of a new policemen's club here, Hillel said the news media was ignoring the main point — that many citizens for the first

time were mustering up the courage to give evidence against racketeers and other criminals.

"What we are witnessing now," he said, "is more of a wave of police detection than a wave of violence. If people don't step up and volunteer information there can be no police action."

Tel Aviv police chief Nitza Davidoff accused the news media of exaggerating the situation, saying there had been "many so-called crime waves" in the past.

Seven arrested in protection rackets

TEL AVIV. — Five brothers — two of them minors — were remanded to 10-day custody yesterday for running a protection racket under the guise of a "watchmen's service" in the Rehov Ha-aliya poultry market here.

Police told the Magistrates Court that Mordechai, Harel and Shimon Aharoni and their two young brothers, whose names were not released, over the past three years built up a protection racket in the market. They collected "watchmen's fees" but in fact did no watching. Merchants who refused to pay were beaten; their shops were robbed; crates of chickens and turkeys stolen off their trucks.

It is believed that the brothers were also involved in burning the truck of a merchant who stopped paying protection money. One of the brothers, it is claimed, also used his illegal duplicate key to one of the shops under his "protection" to make long-distance calls to Germany and the U.S.

The brothers' lawyer said his clients merely carried on the work of night watchmen, in which their father had engaged until his death.

The same court yesterday also remanded to 15-day custody two other brothers, suspected of extortion and acts of hooliganism against several carpentry shop owners in Givat Harel.

Police claim that in one case in which a shop owner refused to

pay protection money, the two grabbed him and held his head under the hood of a car. In another case the two threatened a shop owner with a broken bottle until he handed them the keys to his car.

3 men attack sleeping couple, ransack flat

TEL AVIV. — A husband and wife were injured early yesterday morning when three men broke into their ground-floor flat.

Alexander and Miriam Hyman were asleep when the men entered their flat on Rehov Arba Aratzot. Mrs. Hyman suffered facial cuts when she was hit with a flower vase. Her husband suffered a concussion after being hit over the head with a broken bottle.

The men fled after ransacking the apartment. In the cries of the injured couple, neighbours took them to Ichilov Hospital after calling the police.

In a search of the area police arrested three men wanted on suspicion of extortion. According to complaints of a Rehov Hayarkon bar owner, the three had refused to pay for their meals. When he insisted on payment, they tore his suit and declared that from now on he owed them monthly protection money.

Two of the three suspects are Jews, and one is an Arab. The oldest of the trio, a Holon man aged 32, had IL11,400 in cash and IL368,000 in cheques on him when arrested.

Triplets born to couple with 12 children

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Zabella Saleh Badarna, 36, yesterday gave birth to her 13th, 14th and 15th children at the Ely Family Maternity Home at the Ely Family Maternity Home at 2.350kg, and two boys, 2.450 kg and 1.750, are the third multiple birth for Mrs. Badarna of Sakham, in Western Galilee, who has two sets of twins.

Mother and triplets were reported doing well.

1976 proclaimed 'crisis year'

The Zionist General Council ended its five days of deliberation in Jerusalem yesterday with a proclamation making 1976 a "crisis year" for the rallying of all forces in Jewry around Zionism.

At their closing session in Bin-yasud Ha'om, the 110 delegates also heard newly elected Zionist Executive chairman Yosef Almog make a maiden speech outlining the programme for the coming year.

The "crisis year" resolution calls on all affiliated bodies, and the million members of Zionist movements throughout the world, to sign a document declaring solidarity with Zionism and the State of Israel and

opposition to "the vicious incitement against Zionism." The resolution also makes the month beginning with next Pessah "Rebirth of Israel and Victory over Racism Month."

The Council called on all peoples, and well-meaning persons, in the world to condemn the UN's recent anti-Zionism resolution, which it said was undermining the basis of the world moral order.

The Council condemned the attempt to substitute the Security Council for the Geneva Conference as a means of negotiating the Middle East conflict. It also scored "the vicious acts of the Arab ter-

rorists, who murder innocent civilians in cold blood."

Other resolutions expressed concern for Syrian Jewry, who are being held as hostages for the deterioration in the condition of Soviet Jewry; and at "the anti-Semitic propaganda being carried out by the Soviet government, both indirectly and through attacks on the Israel Government."

The Council called for bolstering aliyah through the formation of aliyah circles among young people, and for greater effort in Israel to ease immigrants' housing and employment problems.

It called also for heightened Jewish education abroad.

Int'l union chief warns UN against expelling Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Otto Kersten, general secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, said yesterday he had warned UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that the ICFTU would sever contacts with the International Labour Organisation if Israel were expelled from the UN.

The ICFTU represents 118 affiliated organisations in 83 countries. Kersten told reporters here that expelling a UN member could be a dangerous precedent. Yesterday he ended a three-day visit to Israel during which he met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He argued here that Israel should recognise the PLO, saying that Israel, the ICFTU and the AFL-CIO had not judged correctly the PLO's ascendancy.

Encyclopaedia of security out

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Defence Minister Shimon Peres and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, were among the guests at a reception in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night to mark the publication of "Lexicon 1/Elitahon Yisrael," an encyclopaedia of information about security and military affairs in Israel.

The book was edited by military correspondents Ze'ev Schiff of "Haaretz" and Eitan Haber of "Yedioth Aharonot," who also wrote many of the 2,000 entries. Contributors include many leading figures in the defence establishment. It is published by Sifon, Eitan, Modan.

Addressing the gathering, Rabin said security and defence problems were still too predominant to make the writing of an overall military history possible. For this reason, a lexicon was probably the best approach to the important task of making information available to the public, he said.

Girl killed by taxi

GAZA. — A five-year-old girl from Deir al-Balah, Nadiyah Attala, was killed yesterday when she was run down by a taxi driven by a Jordanian. The taxi driver is being held for investigation.

Rugby matches tomorrow

TEL AVIV. — Haifa meets Tel Aviv University tomorrow in a National Rugby League fixture at Haifa. Maccabi's training ground, Kikar, is at 12.30 p.m.

Also tomorrow, the newly formed Kibbutz Ha'ogor will be hosts in Holon in a friendly match, starting at 2 p.m.

T.A. hoopsters lose to Madrid

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi's basketball team went down to a 125:78 defeat at the hands of Real Madrid in Madrid last night in their first-leg game of the European Basketball Cup quarter-finals.

In earlier basketball games this week, Tel Aviv Maccabi on Wednesday night defeated Cret of Madrid 70:52 in the first leg of a quarter-final match in the women's Rometti Cup for cup-winners.

Tel Aviv Hapoel went down 67:91 to Chinamartini of Turin in Italy a day earlier, in the first leg of the Korac Cup tournament for men. The second leg of this quarter-final round fixture takes place on Tuesday at the Yad Eliyahu sports palace here.

Chief Rabbi Yosef blasts Goren, Rabbinic Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef declared yesterday that he could no longer work with the members of the Chief Rabbinic Council, because Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren has "bribed them with promises of job appointments in exchange for their support."

The Sephardi Chief Rabbi's charges were made to an Israel Radio reporter in reaction to declarations made by the Council at their regular meeting on Wednesday. In their statement, the rabbis expressed their "sorrow" over calls by Rabbi Yosef for the dissolution of the Council and the election of two new Chief Rabbis who could work with each other.

They urged "Rabbi Yosef to stop using unacceptable methods of publicizing" his positions, because he has caused "a desecration of the

long chain of Sephardi Chief Rabbis who have the Torah, truth and peace." The Council — all Goren supporters — decided to set up a committee of reconciliation to bring order back into the relations between the two Chief Rabbis.

Rabbi Yosef told the radio reporter that last year Rabbi Goren had promised four rabbis that they could become dayanim (religious court judges) without passing the necessary examinations, if they supported him. He also charged that Goren promised one man, Rabbi Eliezer Shapira, the office of president of the Jerusalem religious court. The appointments did not go through, however, because he — Rabbi Yosef — vetoed them, he said.

Rabbi Goren could not be reached for comment last night, nor any of his aides. Rabbi Shapira refused to comment.

Histadrut budget approved, members to pay higher dues

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut members will pay more dues this year, and total grants to the political parties will increase by nearly IL6m. The labour federation's budget, approved by the executive yesterday, calls for collecting higher fees from all members whose taxable income is over IL700 a month.

The *Mos Ahad* (uniform tax) for members whose monthly taxable is IL2,000 will be IL62.50, compared with IL56.50 a month last year.

Members including their families in Kupat Holim insurance will be charged IL77, instead of IL70.80.

Hitherto, members reached the highest tax bracket at IL2,000 a month. The executive yesterday decided to raise the ceiling to IL2,800 a month. *Mos Ahad* at that ceiling will be IL79.50 for singles and IL97.50 for members including their families in Kupat Holim insurance.

Five and a half per cent of the proceeds of *Mos Ahad* will be distributed among the political parties. The budget envisaged that IL26,527,000 will be divided among the parties, compared with IL20,737,000 in 1975.

The budget also provided for a 38 per cent increase in wages, allowances and loans to Histadrut employees.

Histadrut to gather data on unemployment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee yesterday decided to set up its own special unit to gather data on unemployment and get the Government to do something about it.

The decision was taken at a special Central Committee meeting yesterday morning. Histadrut Secretary-General Yehonatan Meiselman complained that "we receive daily reports of signs of unemployment, but the information we get comes too late."

Koor denies overcharging

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Koor Industries has denied a charge made by a real estate operator that it is overcharging customers on building supplies sold by its member companies.

On December 18, David Blumberg, managing director of Anglo-Saxon Israeli Estate Agency, told a meeting of the Israel Real Estate Brokers Association, "...they (Koor) keep raising prices over and above that which is warranted by devaluation and wage increases."

In a statement issued this week, Koor not only denies that it has not raised prices unreasonably, but says it has actually absorbed some of the price increases it could have claimed as justified.

46 football grounds shut as security inadequate

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — League C and D matches resume tomorrow after a break of more than a month — but 46 of the 180 grounds have been closed down by the Football Association because they lack adequate security arrangements.

The 46 teams have been instructed to play their scheduled home fixtures on neighbouring fields.

The fixtures of all 230 clubs in the two divisions had been cancelled by the F.A. for four weeks, as a sign of "protest and solidarity" with Rehovot Maccabi, whose star player Mordechai Kienel was stabbed to death by a spectator during a League C home game on December 6. Last week, only a small number of cup matches were played in these lower leagues.

A recently-completed inspection by the F.A. and the Football Referees Union of every third and fourth division ground from Ayelet Hashahar to Eilat revealed that 46 grounds lacked the most im-

portant security measure called for by both bodies — the two-metre high fence separating players from spectators.

Meanwhile, the Referees Union — which is affiliated to the F.A. — has told its members to refuse to officiate at any of tomorrow's games where security arrangements are not up to scratch, union secretary Fritz Mildenberg said.

As well as making sure there are no loopholes even at the "proved" grounds, our referees also are checking carefully to see that the stipulated 15 officials are on duty at every match, he said.

Rehovot Maccabi — whose pitch has passed the "security check" — will be back in action at the weekend, when they meet Jerusalem Hapoel. Zichronot in the Capital Their line-up is expected to include Mordechai's twin brother Aharon, who also plays for the Rehovot club and saw his brother murdered five weeks ago.

Czech hotel chef wins national kitchen contest

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — A non-Jewish Czech chef from Jerusalem and his two Arab assistants last night won the contest for the Israel Maccabi 1976, with a meal that included avocado salad, Mediterranean-style fish soup and stuffed breast of turkey.

Chef Jaroslav Muller's team from the Intercontinental Hotel won out in the final round over two other hotels, a kibbutz, and the Tadmor hotel training school here, which hosted the event and came in second.

Chef Muller, who left Czechoslovakia in 1968, worked in Vienna, Geneva and London before coming to Israel six months ago.

The five final teams had been picked from a field which included restaurants, army kitchens schools and industrial canteens. Each team — consisting of a head cook and two helpers — prepared a meal for 30 people. They were judged on the degree to which they had used Israeli products, as well as their proficiency in the kitchen. Their meals included an appetizer, soup, fish course, meat, vegetables, salad and dessert.

While journalists and guests were each served one of the competing menus, the jury sampled all of the 35 dishes. Sponsoring the contest

MAN, 21, DIES AFTER FIST FIGHT

HAIFA. — Motti Levi, 21, died in hospital here last night after he was hit in the head during a fist fight at a billiard parlor in the afternoon. Police have arrested three men involved in the fight.

UHF TV CHANNEL 27 in the Tel Aviv area, and Channel 7 in Yam, are back on the air. Broadcasting Authority announced yesterday. It said both transmitters had had to be shut down to permit repairs to the ventilating equipment in the building housing them.

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Broadcasting Authority chairman:

Disputed 'Nikui Rosh' show won't be aired

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The chairman of the Broadcasting Authority, Walter Eytan, yesterday turned down a request from the Jerusalem Journalists Association that he permit the showing of a "Nikui Rosh" TV programme cancelled just before it was to go on the air on January 1.

The cancellation was ordered by Eytan's Livni director-general of the authority. It was the second time "Nikui Rosh" was withheld, and for the same reason — Livni felt that one of the skills in the revue referred to a matter now before the courts. Hence, airing the skit could lead to legal action against the authority for broadcasting sub judice material.

Contesting Livni's stand — though not challenging his authority — the Television Workers' Council appealed to the Journalists Association. The latter, in a special meeting on Wednesday, voted to ask Eytan for one

of two things: either he should permit the showing of the programme (revised to meet lawyers' objections), or he should appoint an independent inquiry commission to review the entire dispute and decide whether Livni was justified in cancelling the January 1 programme.

(It has never been determined by legal experts whether the revue actually contained innuendo to sub judice material.)

Eytan was requested to reply to the Journalists Association by yesterday evening.

He did so, rejecting both requests. His letter to the Journalists Association said, in part, "The authority invested in him (Livni) is that of an editor in chief. The director-general is entitled — indeed, obligated — to use his authority whenever he sees fit and to decide what is to be televised and what is not."

In a specially convened meeting last night, the association's executive committee decided to ask for an appointment with the Broadcasting Authority's managing committee, "at the earliest date possible."

Maccabi World Union meetings start Sunday

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — More than 60 delegates from 18 countries will be present at the plenary meeting of the Maccabi World Union executive, starting at Kfar Hamaccabiah here on Sunday. Presiding over the deliberations will be Ramat Gan Mayor Yisrael Peled, chairman of the MWU.

The plenary is to be followed on Monday afternoon by a meeting of the International Maccabiah Games Committee, which will begin detailed planning of the 10th games, scheduled to take place in Israel in July 1977. This gathering will continue through Wednesday.

Daily dose of fluoride will keep the cavities away

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — By simply quaffing a small glass of "fluoridated school beverage" daily, 500 Tel Aviv school children will be assured of much healthier teeth — with a sharp reduction in the number of cavities.

A pilot project, which was launched 10 days ago among first-grade children in the Azrieli and Nitzan schools in Ramat Aviv here, has the unqualified approval of their parents.

"There is absolutely no taste or smell of fluoride in the beverage," says Dr. Haim Galon, head of the project. "The kids drink it willingly, preferring the (diluted) orange beverage to milk — which is, incidentally, more expensive."

Dr. Galon is a member of the Municipality's Department of Dental Care for Children, which supervises the dental health of some 300,000 children. Both are work-

ing closely with Prof. Yitzhak Gellera of the Hebrew University's Department of Preventive Dentistry. The project is funded with a \$3,000 grant by the Borrow Dental Milk Foundation of Britain.

The addition of fluoride to drinking water to prevent tooth decay has been known in the U.S. for some 40 years. Nevertheless, protest movements have sprung up against the practice on the grounds that "it forces persons to drink medicated water against their will."

At present, about 20 per cent of the American population drink fluoridated water, and about 5 per cent of the British public.

If successful, the project will be adopted by other schools.

The Golden company of Netanyahu has guaranteed to supply the two Ramat Aviv schools with all the juice they need — free of charge.

Door slams on VIPs at JNF birthday party

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A 65-year-old woman who has donated 50,000 trees to the Jewish National Fund and came all the way from Chicago to attend its 75th birthday party at the Jerusalem Theatre yesterday was turned away at the door: too many people had been invited, and there was no more room inside.

One man whose face alone couldn't get him past the usherette at the door insisted, "I'm Yosef Almog!" After a brief word from the back, the newly elected chairman of the Zionist Executive was allowed in.

The cause of all the confusion and crowding was the JNF itself, which — fearing there would be empty seats — handed out 2,000 invitations to a theatre that seats 800. It also brought in busloads of people from nearby neighborhoods. In the end, an audience of 1,500 turned up filling all the seats, blocking the stairs and emergency exits,

and perching on the edge of the stage. Dozens of others, including VIPs, were forced to stay outside.

"It's a crime!" asserted the man in charge of security for the theatre. "It's dangerous and violates municipal by-laws."

President Ephraim Katzir, and JNF chairman Ya'acov Tsaur, who managed to get in on time, described the accomplishments of the 75-year-old organization, which has planted over 125 million trees in once-barren soil.

Zionist General Council chairman Yitzhak Navon, MK, recalled that one of his fondest childhood memories was of carrying the blue-and-white JNF collection box and competing with other youngsters over the number of coins collected.

Several giant parchment volumes, containing the names and some pictures of donors to JNF since its founding (Herzl was listed, with a contribution of \$50), were placed on display near the entrance to the lobby.

Still no services in new J'lem development

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Representatives of 500 families due to move into "Stage 3" of the East Talpiot housing development in Jerusalem met last night to protest the lack of basic services that is preventing them from moving in to their new apartments.

The residents say their houses are without electricity, water or sewer connections. They also protest the absence of a grocery, kindergartens or public telephones.

Some 300 of the families, most of them young couples, were to have received their apartments by now, but only 30 have received their keys because of construction delays. Even these, however, cannot move in because of the lack of services.

A Housing Ministry spokesman conceded last night that the complaints were correct. "The problem was that too much work was given to too few contractors," he said. "Such a thing couldn't happen today."

He said there was no problem bringing water to the neighbour-

hood, but that electricity remained a delicate matter involving the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electric Co. and that the sewer situation was a serious problem. (Homeowners have been told that the sewerage would flow out of the neighbourhood in an open ditch for half a year until sewer work is completed.) As for kindergartens and shopping facilities, said the ministry spokesman, temporary facilities will be provided until proper buildings are built. "Yehye Tov (It'll be OK)," he said.

Although it is common for every neighbourhood to have its own residents' committee, the residents of "Stage 3" have organized themselves even before they are living there. A few activists acquired the names of all persons who will be moving in, contacted each family by letter, and organized themselves to protest the lack of services. Their efforts so far have included a demonstration outside the Housing Ministry and a meeting of committee leaders with Housing Minister Avraham Ofer.

Ofer: Make Lydda-Ramle a proper urban centre

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Threatening to bring the issue before the Government, Housing Minister Avraham Ofer this week demanded that the proposed outline plan for the central district be

changed so as to make of Lydda and Ramle a proper urban centre. It was important for the development of Jerusalem, he said, that the gap between the Capital and the built-up areas of Jewish settlement on the coastal plain be narrowed.

"One of the limitations in the past and present to the massive development of Jerusalem has been its isolation," he said. Ofer was addressing members of his ministry's programme division.

Ofer denounced the outline plan's provision for new neighbourhoods on the Rishon LeZion sands. The 35,000 persons who would move into these neighbourhoods, he said, should instead be diverted to Ramle or Lydda, bringing the population of those two towns by 1992 to 147,000 — more than double the present population of 70,000. A population of this size, he said, would permit a relatively high level of urban services, reduce pressure on the Tel Aviv metropolitan area and strengthen the link between Jerusalem and the coastal plain.

The outline plan is to be submitted shortly to public deposition, during which time objections can be made. The law provides for objections to be heard by the National Planning Council, but a Housing Ministry spokesman said last night that Ofer was considering exercising his ministerial prerogative and bringing the matter to the Government's attention.

The idea of significantly increasing the size of Ramle and Lydda was considered and rejected by the central district planning commission. "To expand them like that would mean building on agricultural land," chief Interior Ministry planner Ya'acov Dash explained last night. "That's why it was decided to build on the Rishon sands — to avoid agricultural lands. We also didn't want to join Ramle and Lydda. Each has its own identity. We want to limit the size of towns, instead of having them grow indefinitely."

KARF KANA, a village in Lower Galilee, goes to the polls on January 20 to elect its first local council and chairman.

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Big gap between Jewish, Arab schooling 'Arab education should stress national character'

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A blueprint for the reform of Arab education in the 1980s would base schooling on the traditional and modern foundations of Arab culture, stressing the particularity of the national character of Arab literature and history.

This is the central recommendation of a report by a 14-member team of Jewish and Arab educators headed by Dr. Mattatya Peled, which was released this week. The planning report is one of seven on all aspects of education in Israel, started in 1973. The report is in the planning stage, and will be completed in July, the report on Arab education was only released now at a press conference held by Education Ministry Director-General Ehad Peled. Peled headed the steering committee overseeing the work on all seven reports.

The ministry chief said that, "for historical reasons, there is a big gulf between the Jewish and Arab educational systems in Israel, which makes it impossible to transfer automatically all steps taken in the Jewish sector to the Arab sector."

Israeli Arabs face internal and external conflicts, he said. The inner conflict has to do with the social structure of Arab society, and the outer conflict is caused by the Israel-Arab confrontation.

Africa for the projected electric power station could be delivered to Eilat in ships of up to 150,000 tons deadweight, instead of via the Suez Canal to Haifa, a route in which only much smaller ships can be used.

Shipping experts here told The Jerusalem Post they knew of no modern deep-sea port in the world which does not have a railway link to other parts of their countries.

Paper factory fire was arson, fire chief says

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The fire which destroyed the Rudnik paper factory in Kfar Shalem Wednesday morning was probably the work of an arsonist, Tel Aviv fire chief Ya'acov Ritov told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. This was the fifth case of arson in this city in the past week and a half.

Ritov said that, while he was not yet absolutely certain of this, the fact that the fire was blazing throughout the factory when the firemen arrived — rather than being localized in a particular area — pointed to arson.

The item news agency reported yesterday that the police are obtaining the names of mental patients recently released from hospitals to investigate the possibility that the fires were started by a pyromaniac.

A suspect in last week's fire at the Marx furniture company, Herzl Ozer, was remanded in custody for a further seven days yesterday.

and the fact that Israeli Arabs are a minority in a Jewish society.

The inner conflict of the Arabs is the more severe of the two, Ehad Peled said. But, as to the other, the ministry will not allow education against the state and its principles. The success of the plan to narrow the gap between the two educational systems depends much on the cooperation of local Arab authorities, Peled said, in a clear hint to those authorities to shoulder more of the costs of education.

The coordinator of the report, Mattatya Peled, said that the rate of truancy in Arab schools — 30 per cent — is much higher than in Jewish schools. The percentage of 12th graders who pass their matriculation examinations is 35 per cent in the Arab sector, compared with 50 per cent in the Jewish sector, he added. The report recommends that vocational and technological education in Arab schools be stressed over purely academic studies, which for the most part lead only to jobs as clerks and teachers.

Arab journalist and writer Mohammed Wataid of Jatt, a village near Netanya, said he approved of the report's recommendations. "I hope that it will be executed and not buried," he said.

Wataid also demanded that Jewish pupils be taught more about Arab culture and history.

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Beduin feud ends in exile

ARAB EL-KA'ABIYA. — The Erhayem family here has agreed to exile itself forever from this Galilee Beduin village, to settle a feud in which its members injured three members of another family, which had complained about a broken window.

The feud broke out three months ago, when an Erhayem broke some windows in the school at nearby Beit Lehem Haglilit. A member of the Salameh family complained to police, and a fight developed in which three Salamehs suffered gunshot wounds. The families then exchanged threatening letters which they signed "El-Fatah."

Notables attempting to make peace finally persuaded the Erhayem involved in the fight to leave. In return the Salamehs will buy their property minus a certain sum for damages. The pact is to be sealed next week at a Suha (reconciliation) feast in the home of Beduin notable Mustafa Saleh Dabas, who helped resolve the conflict. (Itim)

Daytime parking at Habimah lot no longer free

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Daytime parking in the lot between the Mann Auditorium and the Habimah Theatre will no longer be free as of Sunday, and drivers will have to display city parking cards on the inside of their windshields.

However, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. parking will continue to be free. The new measure comes mainly in reaction to the business enterprise of several used-car salesmen, who park their merchandise on the lot all day and conduct business from nearby cafes. Office workers in the area also take up much of the space during the day.

Held for trying to buy grenade

HAIFA. — An Arab youth suspected of trying to buy a hand grenade from the man accused of fire-bombing a butcher shop here on December 27 was remanded into 15 days' custody yesterday.

Salah Sirhan, 20, was brought to Magistrate's Court under guard from Rothschild Hospital. Police claim that on the night of December 24 Sirhan met Yosef Gabal, the suspected fire-bomber, near the old Egged station and tried to buy from him a fragmentation grenade.

The deal was interrupted by the arrival of the police. Sirhan fled leaving behind his coat with the grenade in a pocket. Pursued by police, Sirhan was shot in the leg.

His remand follows assurances from a doctor that he is well enough to be placed in jail. (Itim)

U.S. carriers oppose additional landing rights for El Al

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel's request for additional landing rights in the U.S. faces opposition by the two main American international airlines — TWA and Pan American. They are concerned with the competitive aspects that additional landings by El Al in some of the major cities in the Midwest and the West Coast would have.

This was stated on Wednesday by Paul Ignatius, president of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA), at a working luncheon given in his honour by Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi at the Mishkenot Sha'ananim restaurant in Jerusalem.

The entire issue is now under review by an interdepartmental committee in Washington, and it would be difficult to speculate on its outcome, he said, pointing out at the same time the severe financial problems facing both TWA and Pan American. (El Al's daily flights to the U.S. land only at Kennedy International Airport in New York.)

Ignatius was replying to state-

ments by Ya'acobi and El Al's managing director Mordechai Ben-Ari, stressing that any future breakthrough for El Al operations depended on additional landing rights in the U.S. Speaking of the charter problem, the ATA president warned against the danger of eroding the economic base of the scheduled airlines by an uncontrolled expansion of charter flights.

Any expansion of charter travel should be carried out in full coordination with the scheduled airlines, he said. This also holds true for inland flights in the U.S., which depend on the frequency and dependability of scheduled flights for both passenger and freight transport, as well as mail deliveries.

Ya'acobi said the export value of Israel's aviation in 1975 amounted to \$220m, while the export value of Israel's shipping trade came to \$500m, making international transport Israel's second largest export commodity (industrial exports take first place). Construction of a second international airport east of Beersheba is already in the planning stage, he said.

Eliezer Cohen, manager of Ben-Gurion Airport, spoke of the difficulties involved in handling a large variety of aircraft by one airport, ranging from modern passenger jet planes to Air Force transport squadrons and test flights by the Israel Aircraft Industries. He predicted that by 1980 Ben-Gurion Airport would have to handle three million passengers, as compared to the 1.8 million which passed through in 1975. This will require the extension of the north-south runway and completion of an additional arrival hall by 1980. An entirely new, additional terminal area will be completed by 1980, when passenger travel could be expected to exceed the five million mark forecast for 1985, he said.

From 1950, Ignatius served for 11 years as assistant secretary of the U.S. Army for installations and logistics, later becoming under-secretary and assistant secretary of defence. He was secretary of the Navy from 1964 to 1967. Prior to assuming his present post, he was president of "The Washington Post." This is his first visit to Israel.

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A GLANCE AT THE WORLD

Thousands join Madrid strike

MADRID. — More than 14,000 Madrid factory workers went on strike yesterday as a wave of labour unrest here challenged the government of King Juan Carlos. The workers lodged pay demands and voiced solidarity with metro (underground railway) employees who began a strike three days ago. The government is using troops to run two of the seven metro lines, but there was traffic chaos in Madrid's streets yesterday.

Run on food in Portugal

LISBON. — The Portuguese Government moved yesterday to halt a run on the nation's grocery stores. The action came as some butcher shops were reduced to selling their customers the shaving off the heads of slaughtered pigs, because no other meat was available. In the supermarkets, the crisis was reflected in empty shelves. The government offered to ease its wage freeze to offset higher food costs and promised to set prices on all essential goods and accelerate imports to prevent further shortages.

Ecuador gov't quits — secretly

QUITO, Ecuador. — President Guillermo Rodriguez Lara, ruling without an official cabinet team, was yesterday facing the fourth day of a widespread transport strike which has brought student riots in Ecuador's two major cities. It was announced late Tuesday night that the 11-man cabinet had tendered its resignation at least a week ago and this heightened political tension in the capital.

Call-girl extradited from Syria

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT. — Catherine Rogers, a 23-year-old call-girl, was charged here yesterday with the murder of Romeo Riachi, public relations manager of the Paris office of Middle East Airlines, who was found battered to death at his flat here last October.

Rogers had been extradited from Syria after attempts to prevent her leaving by the Palestinian Liberation Organization had been foiled. The police escort drove her to Damascus airport from the jail where she had been held since November in an armoured car in order to thwart the P.L.O.

Chestnut-haired Rogers was charged with voluntary homicide by Judge Guy Pia, the examining magis-

Three die in Jamaica violence

KINGSTON, Jamaica. — Two gunmen opened fire outside the U.S. Consulate here late Wednesday, killing one policeman and critically wounding another in the second attack of the day on the diplomatic mission, police said yesterday. Two other policemen were killed and a third injured in an ambush by six gunmen earlier on Wednesday, as a wave of anti-American, anti-South African and politically motivated violence swept the Jamaican capital, where world finance leaders are attending meetings of the International Monetary Fund.

Police said the two gunmen suddenly opened fire on two Jamaican policemen on guard duty outside the U.S. Consulate compound about 11:25 p.m. Wednesday. One policeman died instantly from gunshot wounds in the head and abdomen, and the other was rushed to hospital in critical condition.

Gandhi vows to revamp gov't

NEW DELHI. — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in a stinging attack on her domestic and foreign critics, vowed to parliament yesterday she would continue her restructuring of India's institutions despite accusations that the country's democratic tradition was being destroyed. "We are struggling to take a country of 600 million people from one age to another," Mrs. Gandhi said in an often emotional hour-long address in parliament's upper house.

"Personal rights are sacred, but not more sacred than the nation's right to exist and prosper," the 58-year-old leader said. "In a country democracy is important, but it is not an end in itself."

Mrs. Gandhi left no doubt she intends to continue the state of emergency she declared on June 26, maintain press censorship, postpone national elections and make further changes in the Indian constitution. "There can be no status quo," the Prime Minister said. "We have to keep pace with world changes to meet the needs of our people. If changes are needed (in the constitution) they will be made."

'Arabs offer Azores credits'

LISBON. — Arab countries have offered the Portuguese Azores Islands credit worth 25,000 million escudos (about IL\$760m.). The islands' military governor was quoted as saying on Wednesday in the Lisbon newspaper "O Dia."

The newspaper did not say whether the offer had been accepted, or give more details about who had made it. The U.S. used the Azores Islands as a refueling stopover for planes carrying arms to Israel during the Yom Kippur War. (Reuters)

Arab disarray

(Continued from page one) which opposes any political solution to the Arab conflict with Israel. U.S. Ambassador to Cairo, Herman Eilts, was due last night to return to the Egyptian capital after week-long consultations in Washington over the Security Council debate. Eilts who met with Kissinger as well with President Ford was due to convey Washington's position regarding next Monday's Council debate.

Indeed, neither Egypt nor Jordan or even Syria have made clear how they would react to the radicals' position, especially in raising the thorny issue of the PLO which both Israel and the U.S. refuse to recognize. The official PLO delegates to next Monday's Security Council debates themselves have not made clear which of the Arab trends they would follow.

The PLO is currently split into two factions: one led by Fatah chief Yasser Arafat advocating manoeuvres and another known as the "objection front" led by George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

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Italy's deteriorating unemployment situation was underscored yesterday as civil servants, who called a 24-hour protest strike to demand new work contracts, staged a protest march through the streets of Rome. (AP radiophoto)

'CIA has not spent a nickel in Italy recently' — Colby

WASHINGTON. — CIA director William Colby said yesterday the Agency has "not spent a nickel in Italy in the past few months," but he stopped short of denying reports that the CIA has begun to funnel \$6m. to anti-Communist elements in Italy.

Asked in a broadcast interview whether the CIA planned to spend money in Italy, Colby replied: "I am not at liberty to discuss details." During the interview, a day after public reports of covert CIA funding in Italy, Colby blamed members of Congress for leaking intelligence secrets. "We have to insist that our members of Congress assume responsibility for knowing things that cannot be passed on," he said.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said on Wednesday there is "a strong suspicion in the White House" that the reports of CIA House funding in Italy originated in Congress. Asked to be more specific, Nessen replied: "I could, but I won't."

Nessen declined to confirm or deny the CIA was paying the funds, but an authoritative source elsewhere confirmed the operation, which was initially disclosed in the "Washington Post" and the "New York Times."

In Italy, hundreds of thousands of civil servants staged a nationwide 24-hour strike yesterday demanding new work contracts as the Christian Democrats, hit by a government crisis, ruled out co-operation with Communists in forming the next cabinet.

A role for the Communist party was a key factor in the collapse of Christian Democratic Premier Aldo Moro's 13-month-old minority coalition on Wednesday night. Moro resigned after the Socialist party, the nation's third largest after the Christian Democrats and Communists, withdrew its parliamentary support.

Political leaders, contemplating the rules of their government yesterday, began jockeying for position in Italy's 33rd postwar administration — the only alternative to premature general elections likely to favour the Communist party. (AP)

Libyan students seize their embassy in Cairo

CAIRO. — Libyan students attending classes in Cairo have seized the Libyan embassy premises and are sitting in at least until today to protest alleged aggression against fellow students at Benghazi, a student leader said yesterday.

Reached by telephone, the student leader who answered all calls and refused to reveal his name, said 200 to 250 students took over the embassy at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and closed it to all but students.

He said the seizure and sit-in were "completely peaceful" and the students did not detain any embassy officials.

The embassy charge was free to enter and leave the building at will, but "all the embassy's normal work is at a standstill," he added.

The student leader charged Libyan authorities with "a massacre" against students at Benghazi last Sunday and Monday. He said the authorities had "rigged" student union elections at the university and when the students demonstrated a protest, security forces stormed the campus and attacked students inside and outside the compound.

About 10 students were killed, a large number wounded and hundreds arrested, he charged. (UPI)

Angola policy unchanged

(Continued from page one) fence Minister Botha reiterated that South Africa has no territorial claims in Angola and would like to see it free from interference on the part of outside forces.

He added, "The only direct interest South Africa has is in the pump stations, waterworks and hydroelectric scheme at Ruacana and Caluque near the Cunene river, for on this development South Africa has spent large amounts of money and South Africa, in the interests of Ovamboland (the region bordering on southern Angola) must see that the water and electrical power will be provided as originally planned."

The hydroelectric scheme was begun during the Portuguese era and is aimed at providing power for South West Africa and irrigation for the Ovambo reserve.

Botha made his remarks in a statement released here in which he also underlined, for local consumption, that all South African troops stationed along the Angolan border with South West Africa were volunteers. At least 25 South African troops have been killed since November 11 in what is officially described as the "operational area" which has never been carefully defined.

In Silva Porto, Angola, reports said the war has swung decisively in favour of the Marxist MPLA after scoring two major successes earlier in the week over anti-Communist forces, the MPLA appeared poised for further strikes.

Heavy fighting continued in the north between MPLA and troops of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola, clinging desperately to their last strongholds after losing the towns of Uige and Negage, military sources said. The second pro-Western group, the National Union for the total Independence of Angola said it expected another MPLA thrust on the southern front at any time.

The allied forces attempted to minimize the losses in the north — they still control nearly two-thirds of Angola and four out of five million persons as temporary setbacks. But an air of gloom hung over the military headquarters of UNITA in Silva Porto following the unexpected losses after a period of stalemate.

Military officials said Soviet-supplied 122 mm. Katyusha rockets had played a vital part in the northern offensive out of all proportion to its true military value. The rocket is not an accurate weapon and is only effective against large concentrations of troops and cities.

However, according to these officials, the frightening noise of the rockets was on its own enough to break the spirit of African soldiers and forced thousands of FNLA troops to flee in panic during the northern fighting without offering any effective resistance.

Western observers do not rate the combat effectiveness of African troops on either side very highly. Portuguese mercenaries here are courageous, they said, but often lacked finer military skills. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Oslo Premier steps down

OSLO. — Norwegian Prime Minister Trygve Bratteli, troubled by a drop in support for his Labour government, announced yesterday he was resigning to make way for his parliamentary leader as the new head of government.

Bratteli's announcement that his cabinet was resigning today came as no surprise. The 66-year-old veteran politician had promised last September that he would step down as parliament resumed its January session.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's office said Bratteli will ask King Olav to request Odvar Nordli, 48, the present parliamentary leader of the Labour party, to form a new government after Bratteli's resignation is submitted to the King.

Nordli has not said when his new government will be ready, but political observers expected he will present his cabinet list to the King next Monday or Tuesday.

Labour party sources stressed that this was just a change of persons and does not mean a change in Norwegian policies. They said Nordli will follow Bratteli's pro-Western policy and retain most cabinet ministers from the Bratteli administration. (UPI)

Norway's navy told to attack without warning

OSLO. — Norwegian naval units have been instructed to attack without warning any foreign submarine violating Norwegian territorial waters, the Ministry of Defence announced yesterday.

The move came in the wake of a number of violations during the past years when unidentified submarines were discovered in Norway's deep west coast fjords, triggering massive search operations, which yielded no results. (AP)

Salt talks delayed

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Soviet Union announced yesterday that they would resume strategic arms negotiations in Geneva on January 28, after an expected delay by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The Salt talks had been scheduled to resume next Monday. (Reuters)



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Egypt seeks \$4,000m. from Arab states to pay for '73 war

CAIRO. — Egypt is urgently seeking an "economic transfusion" from the Arab world of some \$4,000m. to be repaid from Suez Canal revenues on an annual basis, President Anwar Sadat said in an interview with the Kuwait daily "Al-Sayassa" released here yesterday.

The President said Premier Muzahid Salem is to start a tour of Arab countries soon to seek the financial backing, needed to compensate for the money spent on the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. He is expected to visit Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Gulf states.

Some estimates here put the country's burden of war preparedness between the 1967 and 1973 wars at more than 15,000 million Egyptian pounds (about \$2,400,000,000). According to some officials the aid from Arab countries to Egypt amounted only to 10 per cent of that figure.

President Sadat's offer to mortgage the Canal's annual income, which he estimated at some \$500m. was in the hope of bringing home to oil-rich Arab countries the desperate plight of the Egyptian economy, observers here said.

The Canal was reopened in June, 1975 after eight years of closure. The observers also saw in the step a hint of disappointment at the lack of Arab money available for investment in Egypt.

President Sadat put Egypt's needs in the coming two years at between \$3,000m. and \$4,000m.

President Sadat said Egypt's debt in 1975 is expected to reach \$2,400m.

Sadat said in the same interview that certain Arab leaders had financed the terrorist raid on OPEC headquarters in Vienna last month, and described it as a "shameful and regrettable act." (Reuters)

CIA yacht raid on Cuba aimed to grab Soviet technicians

WASHINGTON. — A former U.S. Ambassador has confirmed that in 1963 he navigated his personal yacht to the Cuban coast with a CIA raiding party bent on spiriting two Russian missile technicians off the Communist island.

Diplomat William Pawley, former Ambassador to Brazil and Peru, said in Miami that the raid was attempted because Senator James Eastland (Democrat-Mississippi) had reported that Cubans had told him two Russian missile technicians remained there wanted to defect. Pawley added that the raid had failed.

Richard Billings, former "Life" magazine reporter in Miami, said he went along with Pawley on the Flying Tiger II expedition, accompanying Central Intelligence Agency agents and Cuban exile commandos. One of the members of the expedition was identified as John Martino, said to be linked to Mafia figures.

The incident came to light in a story in "City" magazine, a San Francisco publication. Billings and Pawley disagreed on some details of the report. Pawley said "Life" paid the commandos for exclusive rights to the story, but that reporters were barred from the trip.

Billings said he had gone along as a journalist but that "Life" did not finance the project. (Billings is now with "U.S. News and World Report" magazine here.)

Pawley, 78, said there were two CIA agents aboard during the expedition, but Billings said there were. The raiders put ashore — only Cubans were landed — never returned, Billings said. "I believe there were 12 or 14, but I'm not really sure of the number. They

had small arms and rifles.

"We wasted a week waiting for the party to return," he said. Billings said "in these days, in Miami, this was not a very big deal. These things were going on all the time down there. He

added that he had heard unconfirmed reports that the Cubans were either captured or killed. "No missile technicians were ever brought out," he said.

Pawley said his costs were \$22,000 and "Life" paid the raiders between \$10,000 and \$20,000. But "Life" and Billings denied making any payment.

Meanwhile, a former CIA employee reported yesterday that the Agency operated a fleet of taxicabs in Washington, D.C., to move people to and from its buildings.

"They had 'Black and White' and 'Radio Cab' printed on them, but if you hailed one, they'd never stop," Dave Beckley said.

Beckley says he worked for the CIA from 1965 to 1967 evaluating aerial photographs of activities in the Communist world. He now works for Boeing Computer Services at the Government's Hanford atomic reservation in Washington state.

Beckley adds that a current film about the CIA sending assassins after one of its own employees is pretty far-fetched, because he knows of a case in 1966 where an employee talked too much.

He said the CIA solved that problem by assigning the man to what it told him was a top-secret project, but was really just cutting up and piecing together meaningless maps.

"For all I know he may still be doing it," says Beckley. (UPI)

More Soviet missiles in Somali port

WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union is increasing its military capacities in Somalia on the Indian Ocean, a Senator said on Wednesday.

Senator Dewey Bartlett, Republican-Oklahoma, who visited Somalia last July, said information he has received from the Defence

Department "appears to bring into focus a comprehensive Soviet programme for expansionist policies on the continent of Africa."

Bartlett, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the Soviets have increased the number of missiles at Berbera, on the Gulf of Aden. (AP)

Two K's entertain Allon but jokes hide tough talks

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was laughing hysterically as comedian Danny Kaye told stories in his unique French, British and Russian accents. The Secretary, well-tanned following a 10-day vacation in Jamaica, removed his glasses and wiped tears of laughter from his eyes.

As Kaye wound up his remarks, he raised his glass, proposing a toast in honour of Kissinger and visiting Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. "L'Chaim," Kaye declared. The more than 100 guests at the black tie dinner on Wednesday, leading Congressmen, Administration officials, journalists, American Jewish leaders and their wives, replied: "L'Chaim," drank their champagne and applauded.

Allon, who appeared to be in an unusually good mood, all of a sudden arose to say: "Tonight we have two 'K's' with us." There was more laughter, and Kaye returned to his seat.

But while Kissinger — for once the evening's guest violinist, Danny Kaye, always the showman and aware that he had a captive audience, once again began his act. "Israel Bonds," he declared. "That's the real reason you have been assembled here." As Kaye started a standard fund-raising pitch, again there was more laughter. Kissinger took out his handkerchief and began wiping his eyes.

The guests were in a good mood. Nancy Kissinger was a charming hostess as she welcomed her many friends.

Kissinger, in his toast honouring Allon, recalled his own personal involvement in U.S.-Israeli affairs. It was 1961, he said, and the then relatively unknown Harvard University professor of government was Allon's guest at Kibbutz Ginosar, on the Golan Heights.

"I saw the fishermen on the lake," Kissinger said, "right under the Golan Heights. I will never forget their courage." The Secretary, continuing his toast, went on to make a very warm and moving statement applauding the traditional American-Israeli friendship.

Allon recalled his early friendship with Kissinger, and "that exciting seminar" he took with Kissinger in 1967 at Harvard. During the course of that seminar, Allon said, he drove with Kissinger from Boston to New York, about a four-hour drive. They discussed Israel's two previous wars, in 1948-49 and 1956. Allon complained that Israel had been forced by the U.S. Secretaries of State to retreat from Sinai twice, but not in exchange for peace. Kissinger, the Harvard professor, told Allon that if Israel should ever again take the Sinai, she should not return it unless she got peace in exchange.

"Henry," Allon said, "This was one of the lessons I learned from you and you are going to pay for it now." Again Kissinger and the guests laughed.

To the casual observer, the dinner party seemed to indicate that everything was just fine. Everybody seemed very happy and friendly. But that, unfortunately, is not the case. There are serious problems in the Middle East and they cannot be ignored.

Privately, I asked a top American official how things were proceeding in Middle East diplomacy. "Bad, very bad," was his terse reply. He was not only referring to next week's Security Council debate. Despite the Sinai interim agreement and the much hoped-for respite in Middle East tension, events are

proving to be somewhat out of control. The radical Arab camp, led by Syria and the PLO, and backed by the Soviets, are on the offensive.

The U.S. is desperately trying to avoid another war in the Middle East, a war that it feels will be come inevitable unless some semblance of "diplomatic movement" can be maintained. But all avenues are blocked, and no one here is really sure how best to unplug them.

Syrian President Assad, whom American officials consider a relative moderate and quite realistic, certainly in Syrian terms, may have been prepared to consider an Israeli withdrawal offer on the Golan front if it had been made immediately following the Sinai accord. But Israel offered only "cosmetic" changes, and Assad raised his demands. The Americans now believed that Assad has boxed himself in with the PLO, and will not budge without simultaneous movement on the Palestinian issue.

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan is also in a bind. He would probably like to consider an Israeli proposal for a disengagement agreement along the Jordan river, but not very many American officials really believe that Israel will come forward with a tempting offer to Hussein. Allon's idea of informal talks with Jordan and West Bank Palestinians other than the PLO, regarded by official Washington as a non-starter. Israel would have to hold elections before withdrawing from the West Bank or any part of it, and Rabin is not seen here as ready to do such a thing at this point.

Hussein is scared stiff of another war. He knows that he would come under tremendous pressure to participate in the battle against Israel. His Arab brothers would not accept any excuses this time. Yet the monarch fears that his army would be quickly crushed by Israel, as it was in 1967.

Egyptian President Sadat can be counted on this year to remain quiet and to implement the Sinai accord without major hitches. The American hope is that Saudi Arabia will also be patient over the next months.

The Soviet Union is a question mark. Kremlin leaders will not anger in any way the Syrians, the

Iraqis, the Libyans and the PLO. Although Moscow does not want to see the Security Council become the main forum for Middle East negotiations — the Kremlin is an equal co-chairman with America at the Geneva Conference — it will follow the Arab lead.

There is no apparent solution to the knotty problem of PLO participation in negotiations — a precondition demanded by the Arabs and the Soviet Union. But as long as the terrorist organization refuses to accept Israel's existence, neither Washington nor Jerusalem will have anything to do with it. Kissinger has made this abundantly clear to Israeli officials.

And there is not much realistic hope here that the PLO will modify its public demand that Israel be dismantled and replaced by a "secular" Palestine state.

Kissinger and Allon, who probably never dreamed that they would be negotiating diplomacy while they were at Harvard, are trying to coordinate their countries' positions in a way that will satisfy the national interests of each, without overly antagonizing the other. The talks are tough, no one is denying that. But there is hope that the Council debate will pass without startling developments.

If so, the next major hurdle will be Prime Minister Rabin's visit here at the end of the month. The Ford Administration would like to hear Rabin's ideas for maintaining the momentum this year. They want him to bring some plan to Washington that will allow negotiations to continue. But the Americans are not optimistic that Rabin has anything up his sleeve.

There will be warm public statements during the Rabin visit, on both the Israeli and American sides. But those remarks will also betray what are expected to be difficult negotiations. All the controversial issues, including new settlements on the Golan Heights, Sebastia, and elsewhere, will be raised by Washington. Rabin should be ready with some responses.

Kissinger's robust laughter, Allon's cute stories, and Danny Kaye's jokes aside, the Middle East situation does not look very good right now. And no one appears to know how to make it look any better.

It's never too late for the Toy Fund

By HELEN ROSSI

WE CANNOT yet say that the 27th drive of The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund has come to an end. In the past 10 days \$19,021 has come in, bringing the total so far to \$118,810.90.

As our list below indicates, donations have come in from all over the world. Some letters a long time in coming probably were caught up in the Christmas mail jam. Others were despatched late — but never too late to help our Toy Fund. At any rate until the end of this month we will still count all contributions as going to the Toy Fund's 27th drive.

Many more donations than ever before were received this year from religious schools at temples and community centres. Today's list contains many of them. A new name that we are particularly pleased to see comes from the Religious School of the Jewish Community Centre of Puerto Rico, which sent \$60. An old time one is from the students of the Peninsula Temple Shalom Religious School (Burlingame, Cal.). Once again the children sold cookies made by their Jewish Cookery Class Selective and then worked up some donations to bring the total to \$100.

In a small way The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund is picking up anti-UN protests. We had one from Malta when Mr. Edmund Zarb refused to buy UNICEF cards and sent the money on to us and now Mrs. Phyllis Rosen of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. writes: "The enclosed cheque endorsed to you represents the remainder of our United Nations Philatelic Account which we recently closed in order not to do business with the UN."

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Thank you letters of all sorts have been flowing in, but the ones that stood out among them came from Menashe of Lydda. In simple clear Hebrew he writes: "I am one of the many children who have had the privilege of receiving a game from the Hanukkah Toy Fund. I have not had the pleasure of receiving many gifts in my life. Actually I am grateful not only for the gift itself, but even more so because of all that you give of the gift expresses to me. This gift told me that there are people who are interested in me and in the other children in the same situation as I am. I am happy that there are so many rays of light in this dark world."

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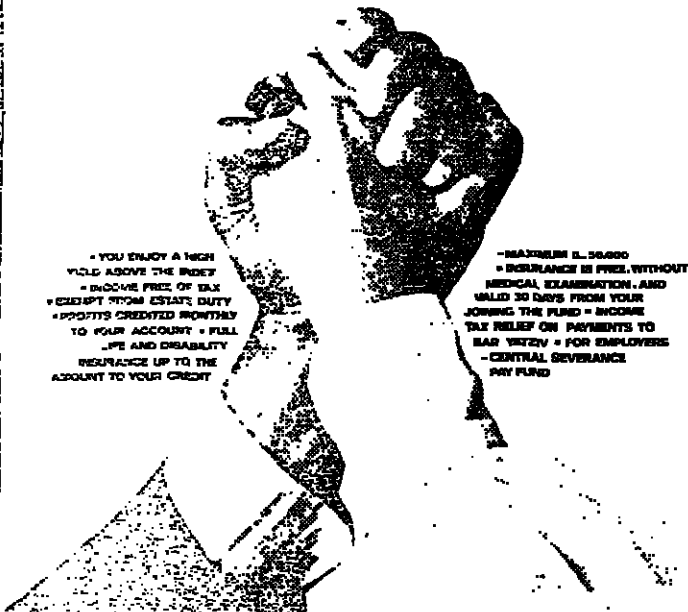
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THIS HAS BEEN a quartet week in Jerusalem — the Fine Arts at the Jerusalem Theatre (reviewed on Jan. 5), Sunday; the Tel Aviv Quartet at the Jerusalem Khan (Jan. 4); the Fine Arts again but with a different programme (Jerusalem Khan, Jan. 6).

This concentration of string quartet playing by different groups and in different locations, gave us an opportunity to compare and evaluate not only the players but also the playing conditions, i.e. the acoustics of the various venues.

At the Jerusalem Theatre, the Fine Arts Quartet was splendid in its smooth completeness but lacking in warmth. At the Khan, however, the close contact between audience and performers and the fine acoustics of the hall gave the listener an insight into the functioning of such an ensemble. The complete involvement of each player, his personal contribution and his feeling for the group were clearly revealed, and it was most impressive and instructive to watch the continuous transferring and taking over of phrases or parts of them and their fitting into a seamless whole. This resulted not in a mosaic of four people but in, as it were, four facets of one interpreter. One revealed in the perfect balance of sonorities of the different registers, the bowing strength, the pizzicato dynamics and the like. In the surroundings of the Khan it also became clear that the limited resources employed (which gave a certain impression of "coolness" in the larger hall) were intentional and represented the group's ideal of sound. There is no harshness, no uncontrolled fortissimo, of any kind. The effect of this complete smoothness was most evident in the Beethoven Quartet, opus 131, which kept us entranced throughout the whole length and changing moods of this extraordinary composition. The intensity of interpretation came through without recourse to extrovert effects, which might not have been the case in a larger hall. The Beethoven was preceded by the third quartet by Brahms (opus 67, in E-flat Major). Here the somewhat rambling thoughts of the very long work were compensated for by the devoted performance of the four artists. The Andante Cantabile from Mozart's Quartet K.465 (in C Major) was given as an encore and its clear beauty soothed the emotional upheaval stirred up by the Beethoven quartet. It was an elating and stimulating evening.

SANDWICHED between the two performances of the Fine Arts was a programme given by the Tel Aviv Quartet on Sunday, which presented Hindemith's Quartet No. 4, opus 32 (of 1924 vintage), the Quartet in E-flat Major (K.589) by Mozart, and "From My Life" by Smetana. Both this group and the New Israel Quartet are of high standard and international quality of performance. But the Tel Aviv Quartet has a more aggressive approach to dynamics, bowing and general interpretation. This makes for lively presentations though, occasionally, it can detract from complete enjoyment of the works performed. This was particularly evident in the Hindemith which belongs to the composer's "Sturm und Drang" period. Its "built-in" aggressiveness was stressed even more by the ensemble's often overharsh attitude. On the other hand, the Mozart was played beautifully, and the closing Smetana showed the group at its best.

YOHANAN BOEHM

I.P.O. GUEST PIANIST Radu Lupu joined the Tel-Aviv String Quartet in two Mozart piano quartets (G minor, K.478 & E-flat Major, K.493) and Schumann's E-flat Major Op. 44 piano quintet (Tel-Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Dec. 27).

That huge hall is hardly an ideal place for chamber-music and the group's message lacked conviction. In addition, in both piano quartets, the players seemed to do everything possible to obliterate their identity. As a result, the Mozart works sounded as though they had been passed through a filter, emerging weak and stripped of essentials.

The four string players were more in evidence in the Schumann quintet but Lupu, except in the last movement, seemed to retreat even more into a peculiar, self-imposed neutrality. This may have been originality, for originality's sake, but it signified nothing.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM



Michael Levi on why you can't rely on the weather

Saving for the non-rainy days

ISRAEL IS no less an object of meteorological than political controversy: other countries and continents contend in influencing our weather, giving us one of the world's greatest fluctuations in rainfall and temperature.

What is the weather picture in Israel? Can we figure out why this winter has so far been a comparatively dry one?

Israel has an effective rainy season of only six months, November through April. On the average it rains 50 to 70 days a year. One advantage of this situation is that rain falls during the cool winter when evaporation loss is minimal. Within Israel itself there is much weather variation, depending upon geography. Rainfall decreases as one moves from north to south, from the cold rainy winters near the Lebanese border with a mean annual rainfall exceeding 1,000 mm., to the semi-aridness of the northern Negev and near total dryness of the southern Negev and Sinai.

Similar variations occur as one moves east from the Mediterranean coast. Along the coastal plain temperatures are fairly moderate and rainfall amounts approximate those of Southeast England. (London has about 600 mm. of rain a year compared to 680 mm. in Haifa's Hacarmel and 550 mm. for the cen-

tral coastal plain.) Moving inland, away from the moisture-yielding sea, rainfall decreases over the Judean Hills is balanced by increasing height, which, as a rule, causes increases in rain. Thus, hilly Jerusalem has about the same amount as the coastal plain, but with cooler temperatures.

Temperatures soar in the abrupt descent to the Jordan Valley, below sea level.

RAINFALL becomes sparse because moist Mediterranean winds dry up on the way over. Average yearly rainfall is 570 mm. at Dafna, 143 mm. at Jericho and 51 mm. at 580m. Farther south, and farther from the Mediterranean, at the southern tip of the Arava Valley, Eilat enjoys real desert temperatures; its mean annual rainfall is 30 mm.

The variability of our climate in space is matched by that in time. Winter may be considerably colder and wetter than long-period averages, or, like this year, the opposite.

As a rule, warm winters are characterized by a greater than normal number of days marked by what meteorologists call barometric pressure or anticyclonic conditions. Rains are usually insufficient, and

prolonged drought may occur. Similarly, hot and dry "hamin" may occur abnormally early in spring, at the beginning of March.

If the variability of rainfall is large for the year, it is larger still for individual months. This is particularly true at the beginning and the end of the rainy season, October-November and March-April, a situation which has important consequences for agriculture.

This year's rainy season got off to a bad start with a well-below normal yield in October and November. Although December had 15 rain days, amounts in most regions were still well below normal. Unfortunately, meteorologists are still unable to produce a reliable forecast for season rainfall.

Even increasing water use by an expanding population, industry and agriculture demands, if we are to maintain economic viability, that we become increasingly knowledgeable about our atmospheric caprices and get down to appropriate long-term planning. This should include construction of large plants for desalinating sea water and recycling used water. More attention should be paid to preventing useless run-off of rainwater.

The writer is on the staff of the Meteorological Service at Beit Dagon.

Lesson for the erring husband

AT THE CINEMA

La Rivale (Orly, Tel Aviv) is a sophisticated domestic comedy, a lightweight affair which is neatly handled by director Sergio Gobbi. It makes rather pleasant entertainment mainly through the excellent acting.

Edgar has organized a double life very happily for himself with his wife Blanche and his mistress Claire and as he is the representative of a pharmaceutical company his out-of-town trips arouse no suspicions. The mistress knows he has a wife of whom he is very fond, but the wife is shocked when she finds out about the mistress and determines to teach him a lesson by becoming her rival's best friend.

Making her first appearance in a French film is Etti Anderson, one of the Ingmar Bergman team of players. She makes a delightful Blanche, even gives a little depth to her role and talks French in charming fashion. Genevieve Fontaine makes a very sexy girl friend while Jean Fiat, best known as a stage actor and appearing here in his first major part in films, is full of life and gusto as the husband. Vladimir Cosma provides some catchy background music. Pure escapism but pleasing.

Vous interessez-vous à la chose? (Limor, Tel Aviv). Another film about teenagers making tentative passes at what director Jacques Barlatier calls "la chose." This time the young people are on holiday in the country and the initiation is finally undertaken by a young and pretty aunt (Nathalie Delon).

The film is a mixture of soft porn and corn and is not only silly but boring, lacking even the saving grace of humour. No wonder the chief male actor, young Didier Haudepin, looks embarrassed most of the time.



Clint Eastwood... a happy death.

CLINT EASTWOOD is both the star and director of The Elger Gasser (Chen, Tel Aviv and Omer, Ramat Gan), his first had considerable success in this dual capacity in "Play Misty For Me" and "High Plains Drifter." But his touch has sadly deserted him in his latest offering, a rampantly clichéd action-film in which absurd coincidences are substituted for a properly worked-out plot. Indeed, the whole piece could well be described as "a poor man's James Bond."

Eastwood plays Jonathan Hemlock, a retired operator in a U.S. government secret service agency which is headed by an albino known as Dragon (Thayer David). Tempted by various inducements, Hemlock accepts Dragon's assignment to carry out the sanction (a euphemism for assassination) of two men on the agency's death-list. After completing the first killing, he learns that his second quarry is a member of an international mountaineering team preparing to make a hazardous climb up the 13,000-ft Elger in the Swiss Alps. Hemlock, luckily an ex-mountaineer himself, goes up in Arizona and joins the expedition, with instructions from Dragon to find out which of his three fellow-climbers is the wanted man and then kill him.

Eastwood almost redeems himself for all the earlier nonsense by giving us a brilliantly done long mountain-climbing sequence, as the expedition battles its way up the sheer north face of the Elger in deteriorating weather. The episode is superbly photographed and full of excitement, while the director gets across admirably the mysterious challenge some men find in climbing high mountains, which for the rest of us is so hard to understand. Also noteworthy is the haunting musical score of John Williams.

Lea Levavi writes about the status of Druse women

An old-fashioned, 'liberated' girl

"PIONEER" Samira Abu-Rukm was the first Druse girl in Israel to attend university; even earlier she made "history" as the first Druse girl from the Carmel to go to high school. Yet according to Samira her exposure to modern life has made her more, not less, eager to remain traditionally Druse.

"They were all afraid I would stop wearing the white veil on my head and shorten my skirts," she said when we met recently at her home in Ushiya, a Druse village near Haifa. "But the more I learn, the more I see that progress doesn't require changing external appearances or religious values. Not only doesn't it bother me to do it, it gives me a sense of satisfaction to know I am holding on to my real identity."

Samira, who is married and the mother of a three-year-old son, teaches Arabic language and literature courses at the village high school and also serves as a guidance counsellor there. She hopes to finish her B.A. at Haifa University — in Arabic and in educational counselling this year.

The situation of the Druse woman in Israel is to some extent paradoxical. According to the Druse religion, women enjoy a much higher status than their Moslem sisters. Druse men may only take one wife; women enjoy full inheritance rights and can serve as religious or political leaders. (There is one woman religious leader among the Druse in Israel, but political leadership of the community is entirely in male hands.) However, in everyday life, Druse women are as limited as Moslem women, if not more so.

"I think it's because we are a minority everywhere we live," Samira said. "There is a fear of letting women mingle with people of other cultures, since the woman is the cornerstone of the family and the one who educates the next generation..."

I asked Samira if the realization that the mother must educate her children has begun to change attitudes toward education for girls. "Theoretically, there is no objection to girls getting an education. The objections centre around the possibility of girls and boys mingling. When I went to high school, there were no facilities for girls at the village school. It is an Ort vocational school and the trades taught there at the time were not suitable for girls. I was sent to a con-



Another "first" for Samira was her attendance at the international seminar on partnership of men and women in national development, held at the Mt. Carmel Training Centre this past summer. (Starphot)

vent school in Nazareth and that is what aroused the whole village against my family. Fortunately, my parents were strong enough to take it." (Of the two other Druse girls now attending Haifa University, one is Samira's younger sister.)

One of the problems Samira encounters as a high school guidance counsellor is the rebellious young boy who, after exposure to Jewish culture, is less willing to follow his parents and their traditions unquestioningly. "The result is behaviour which people here call 'disturbed', though I don't know if

the definition is really accurate. It starts with long hair and modern dress, and ends with disrespect of elders, aimless 'hanging-around' and other things which never happened before. But eventually most of them come back to the fold. As Samira said, 'They discover that our way is better.'

Samira said that there is no "rebellion" problem among teenage Druse girls. They tend to be very close to their mothers who try to act as "friends." In Western society, the idea of the "friendly" mother comes up a picture of permissiveness, but Samira means something altogether different. "The mother tries to create a situation where the daughter confides everything in her and asks her advice. Of course, now that the girls are getting an education, they often object that their mothers are out of touch with the times. But so far, after all I said and done, the mothers still seem to have the upper hand."

When the village high school finally began to accept girls, sewing was added to its vocational curriculum and separate girls' classes were set up for the academic subjects. The girls study toward matriculation (bagrut), though many of their parents send them to the school mainly to learn sewing. "That is also why it is hard to introduce other less traditional occupations. The girl's role is still seen as that of housewife and mother, and a housewife should know how to sew."

"The fact that I stand up in front of the class in traditional Druse dress, and with a traditional outlook, encourages many parents to send their daughters to the high school. I am the only Druse high school teacher in the country so far, and many parents object to having their daughters taught by men or by non-Druse women."

Samira began her university studies only after her marriage. "If my husband had objected, I wouldn't have done it. We never discussed the matter before the wedding but he knew I wanted to continue my education... There are some limitations, though I travel outside the village alone today, but not to distant places. For instance, if I have to go to Tel Aviv my husband takes me. Even if I have to come back from Haifa after six in the evening he comes for me. It isn't that I don't think I'm capable of travelling alone. I just don't want the people here to talk ill of me."

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TEL AVIV STOCKS:

Bonds drop dramatically

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Bank of Israel intervened again yesterday to prevent prices from falling too swiftly on index-linked bonds. Nevertheless, in some cases, especially the options, prices of up to 5 points were registered.

(The Bank of Israel is having real difficulties in selling its new and issues, which are only 90 per cent linked. Failure to shore up the falling prices of those bonds which are still 100 per cent linked will cause more persons to think twice about buying any government bonds — since their conditions can

be changed at any moment by the government.)

The Nafat dollar, however, rose by 6 points to IL8.62 following a demand for \$245,000 dollars, of which only \$37,000 was supplied.

Trading in stocks was uneventful. The turnover was IL1,430,000; of this, IL444,000 was in the variables.

On Lillienblum Street, the black market dollar went for IL10.30 (dealers' price), and dollar cheques (top quality) for IL8. Trading was dull, with little supply or demand.

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More gains piled up

NEW YORK. — The stock market piled up more gains yesterday, once again overcoming periodic waves of profit taking. Trading slowed considerably from Wednesday's near-record pace, but was still very active.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 15.25 points to 1,000.00, closing at 1000.00.

Brokers reported continuing enthusiasm over signs that interest rates are heading downward. New York's stock market and a few other markets cut their prime lending rates on 7.25 to 7 per cent.

By-passing the postman

WASHINGTON. — THE U.S. POSTAL Service is beginning to worry about competition from electronic communication systems which threaten to make mailmen obsolete.

One of the first major uses of the new technology begins this month as the Federal Government bypasses the mails to begin depositing some social security payments directly in pensioners' bank accounts by electronic transfer. This is done by providing each bank with magnetic tape that records all social security deposits for that bank.

The Government plans to use electronic transfer in the coming years to pay federal employees' salaries and make other payments, such as to veterans and retired government workers. Within five years, 18 million fewer government checks will be moving through the mail every month, the Treasury Department estimates.

Financial institutions are considering similar means to transfer money instead of mailing pieces of paper, a move that could mean less mail volume. Financial mail comprises over one-third of the postal service's revenue. In addition, some

Another losing year for Volkswagen

WOLFSBURG, West Germany. — Volkswagen's worldwide turnover this year rose 11 per cent to \$7,360.5 million, from \$6,520.5 million (about IL44b) in 1974, the company said last week.

Worldwide vehicle sales rose 2.5 per cent to about 2.1 million units, reducing inflated inventories built up in 1974 when sales fell 10 per cent. But as previously reported, Volkswagen said 1975 will be another losing year although the figure will be "noticeable" under the \$310m. (about IL2.2b) deficit in 1974.

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Economic Editor Moshe Ater tells why producers are smiling

Optimism in food export industry

FOOD EXPORTS have withstood the world economic slump astonishingly well and are among the few expected to increase substantially in the next year. While most of our industries are barely holding their own, this one is investing and expanding. Moreover, a number of prospects are opening up for the food industry as a result of the agreement with the E.E.C., many of which will be pointed out at Israel's third Food Week, scheduled for January 12-23.

In the past decade or so food has lagged behind the advance of other industries, which were required for the defence effort or were perhaps more fashionable. Israel's future was seen to depend on the expansion of chemical, engineering, and electronics industries. The share of food in our total industrial output dropped from 20 per cent in 1968 to about 16 per cent today.

Prospects for processed food exports were also considered poor owing to tough international competition and a shortage of local agricultural produce, as Israel farmers tended to market their crops almost exclusively to home consumers. At best — it was authoritatively argued — Israel could sell abroad its excellent, though high cost fruits and vegetables. But it had no comparative advantages in respect to canned or otherwise manufactured food.

Now, however, this conventional wisdom is taken less seriously. The food industry is in a cheerful mood, based not on the support it is getting from the government, but on a feeling of technical competence and of assured supply of raw materials. The major reason for this seems to have been the changed attitude of our strong and sophisticated farming community, which has come to realize that since the home market cannot be expected to absorb its rapidly growing production, it must come to terms with the stiff requirements of marketing abroad.

The first stage in this respect was the development of special varieties (of vegetables, melons, flowers) for fresh exports. This was followed by the introduction of crops intended for industrial processing.

Most of the tomatoes grown in this country are now of strains specially adapted and improved for industrial use. About half of the maize crop is harvested for delivery to the factories. Producers of dehydrated vegetables (carrots, pepper, beans, beetroot) depend on contracts with farmers growing the required varieties. The same is now happening with potatoes in the wake of current expansion of potato processing plants.

Introduction of improved strains of poultry and turkey have facilitated the development of meat processing, partly for export. Within a few years those crops suitable for

is to be used in a plant to be set up at Eilat.

In the meat and baking industries small plants have been replaced by bigger and more modern ones. Mechanical handling has been expanded (under the pressure of labour shortage), and quality control has been improved (though in this respect complaints are still occasionally heard).

As a result, the industry's range of products and competitive flexibility have increased substantially — indeed, more so than it has been able to make full use of to date. Accordingly, it is now looking forward to a massive increase of output, and to a dramatic expansion of exports in the future. If the ambitious forecasts for 1980 are realized, processed food exports will double in the next five years, and food industry will recover the leading place it had among our export branches in the 'fifties.

But the food industry's optimism is based not only on its technical advance and the steady expansion of its raw material sources. It also takes into account the prospect of entering to the world's largest and richest market in adjacent Europe, which is about to be opened to us as a result of the recent agreement with the E.E.C. To be sure, this agreement refers primarily to manufactured articles, while foods are considered processed farm produce, which is not entitled to the agreed zero tariff due to start by mid next year. Nevertheless, free entry to the E.E.C. will be granted to a number of our food products as well (sweets and chocolate, macaroni, cereal products, biscuits, wafers, and food preparations) while a number of other products — mainly citrus and tomato manufactures — will gain substantial tariff reductions (though for tomato juice it will be limited to a quota approximating our current export to the E.E.C.).

As a result Israel's major food exporters will be put in a preferential position as compared to suppliers outside the Free Trade Area. Moreover, they will be able to enter the Common Market ahead of their competitors in Spain, which has not yet finalized its tariff agreement with the E.E.C. Israel producers are confident that this advantage will enable them to secure a firm hold in the market for the future as well.

Processed exports... going up, up

	1971	1975 (estimate)	1980 (forecast)
Citrus products	67.5	68.0	110.0
Tomato products	1.0	1.0	1.0
Vegetables canned and pickled	1.0	1.0	1.0
Vegetables dehydrated and frozen	1.0	1.0	1.0
Wine and spirits	1.0	1.0	1.0
Dehydrated fruit products	1.0	1.0	1.0
Food and feed stuffs	1.0	1.0	1.0
Edible oil and animal food	1.0	1.0	1.0
Sweets, bakery and sundry products	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total	81.5	82.0	115.0

M.K. warns on dearth of investment

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Private investment in the economy has been reduced by more than half in the last five years while public investment has more than doubled.

Limud MK Gideon Patt stated this in a letter to Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman this week, and demanded that the Committee hold a special session on investment policy with the Ministers of Finance and Commerce.

Patt warned that if present

Co-op stores had IL215m. turnover

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. The 11 department stores in the Hamaashbir Lashachar chain had a turnover of IL215m. in 1975, an increase of 39 per cent over the 1974 figure of IL156m. This was announced Wednesday by Hamaashbir's newly appointed general manager, Shmuel Eyal.

Eyal pointed out that about 25 to 30 per cent of the increase in the 1975 turnover was due to inflation and that the rest represented a real growth in sales. He went on to note that the largest increase, IL87m., was at the chain's Tel Aviv Allenby

Building plans at Kiryat Arba

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The settlers of Kiryat Arba have announced that they will build a commercial centre, a hotel and a youth hostel there.

After a meeting with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Housing this week, the settlers' spokesman, Yigal Klein, claimed they had financial backing and that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had no choice but to allow them to build. Klein said that Housing Minister Abraham Ozer supported the plan, but that Rabin was cautious.

The Housing Ministry's spokes-

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PLUGGING THE LEAKS

JUSTICE MINISTER Haim Zadok apparently means business. Last week he delivered an impassioned blast at the institution of Government by leak. This week he informed the Knesset that measures were being prepared to plug the leaks.

A situation where even confidential state papers are passed on for publication to the media is certainly intolerable. The fact that the source of the leak is very often a Cabinet minister makes the practice only so much more reprehensible.

Yet the problem of maintaining due secrecy in public administration while preserving the public's freedom of expression and information is not so easily resolved. This is especially true for Israel's political system, based as it is on a coalition of faction-ridden parties.

Disagreements are bound to come out into the open, including matters that ostensibly should remain within the four walls of the Cabinet room. There is probably no practical way of completely preventing this, short of overturning the system.

The objective of keeping state secrets secret would nevertheless have been achieved long ago if ministers had deemed it to be in their own interest to enforce existing legislation. The Basic Law: Government of 1968 prohibits publication of the deliberations and decisions of the Government and of the committee of Ministers not only on matters involving the state's security and foreign relations, but on any other class of matters whose secrecy the Government regards, and duly proclaims, as vital to the State. No punishment is prescribed for violators, except such as is available in the Penal Law Revision (State Security) of 1957. And the ambit of the earlier Act is much narrower than that of the later one.

Mr. Zadok now proposes to fill up the lacunae in the law, to tighten its enforcement procedures, and thus provide the Government with the needed legal protection against leaks. His specific proposals will doubtless be a matter for argument. It is questionable, for example, whether the best way to deter publication of secret information in the Israel press is by way of a penalty which now applies in cases of "aggravated espionage." Mr. Zadok may also do well to check the history of a similar attempt made only five years ago, when proposed secrecy legislation was withdrawn in the face of a public outcry against its draconian severity.

This is, indeed, the main danger today as well. The press, which has often decried the employment of leaks by high officials as an illicit instrument in their jockeying for power and prestige, has no good reason to oppose legitimate efforts to plug the leaks, even though in the process some very interesting "stories" may get lost.

But the press and the public it serves has every right to insist that it should not be made the scapegoat in a campaign to restore secrecy in Government.

ISRAEL PRESS

Allon's difficult mission

DAYAR (Histadrut) sees Mr. Allon's mission in Washington, an attempt to prevent any further diplomatic retreat by the U.S. at the forthcoming Security Council debate, "as a difficult one in view of the pressures on Washington to soften its line. Despite the U.S.-Israel diplomatic understanding included in the disengagement agreement of four months ago, they are not in complete agreement. While Israel is anxious for a separation between Egypt and extremist Syria, the U.S. has not given up hope of getting Assad into the U.S. camp. There is a growing gap between Washington and Jerusalem on the Palestinian issue and ways of advancing towards a solution."

While basic issues remain to be clarified between Jerusalem and Washington (and no final decision can be expected before the U.S. elections) the paper maintains that "a vital condition for seeking joint constructive paths to a solution is that the U.S. take a firm stand in the present situation. Appeasement of the extremist Arab elements could lead to a grave deterioration in the Middle East."

AL HANISHEMAR (Mapam) says the main purpose of Mr. Allon's visit is to coordinate policies towards the forthcoming Security Council

meeting. Israel is boycotting this session because of PLO participation. This is not a boycott forever, but a protest against the invitation of the PLO, particularly as amendments to Resolution 242 are on the agenda. Any attempt to alter this resolution could lead to a distortion of its vital significance, and Israel would be exposed to that. As to the U.S., even a threat to impose a veto could have a deterrent effect. Foreign Minister Fahmy, in his reference to the possibility of a veto, made it easier for Washington to make such a move.

"The hints dropped by Mr. Rabin that he might veer towards the Yaviv-Shemtov formula on the Palestinians are important, but require clear definition. Israel must put forward a constructive plan." HAAARETZ (Independent) says that Yosef Almog was elected by due democratic process, though there is an unpleasant feeling that political considerations exercised undue weight in the election. "If Mr. Almog is to prove himself an effective chairman of the Jewish Agency, he should begin by streamlining the administration and bureaucracy of the Jewish Agency headquarters in Jerusalem. This will raise his prestige both in Israel and among the Zionist community abroad."

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"Americans are increasingly coming to view Israel as indefensible and are increasingly casting doubt on Israel's genuine desire for peace rather than territories. Moreover, they are concerned at the level of Israel's aid requests, and some find Israel arrogant and demanding."

These are sweeping, generalized statements, but if anyone is qualified to make them it is Aharon Yariv M.K., familiar with Washington from his days as head of military intelligence, has recently returned from an information mission to the U.S. during which he met with over 60 senators and congressmen, congressional aides, top intelligence officials, and a cross-section of Jews and gentiles in cities from New York to Los Angeles.

The experience seems to have left him more disconsolate than ever. For, beneath the dapper and unfailingly cheerful surface, he has long been troubled and perplexed. Even before his still-unexplained resignation as Information Minister a year ago his friends knew him as a worried man, urging new policies, bold initiatives, agonizing reappraisals.

Like so many of the leading Labour Party doves, he has found himself unable to influence the Government's thinking, whether as a minister or a supportive backbencher.

Prime Minister Rabin is confident that the Labour Knesset faction which, he recognizes, is on the whole more dovish than the government, does not represent broader party thinking. (Some observers explain that the late Pinhas Sapir, an ardent dove, was given a virtually free hand by Golda to draw up the Knesset list, and he packed doves into the first 50 places.)

Rabin reportedly believes that the 601-man party central committee (though its composition, too, was heavily influenced by Sapir) would give him a resounding vote of confidence if he ever took the doves' challenge to a formal confrontation. Yigal Allon's own Abud Avoda would overwhelmingly support the Premier, Rabin is said to feel, against Allon's unorthodox thinking on the Palestinian issue.

Yariv differs: the central committee, he asserts, and certainly the party's grass-roots supporters, want to see a bold and conciliatory peace plan finally drawn up and presented effectively.

"We've got to decide what we want," he says. "We might as well have it out at last: we're tearing ourselves apart anyway." If the Labour Party finally aligned itself behind a dovish peace plan, Yariv believes, it could win a solid majority in a national election.

For Yariv, a Labour-led peace plan would heal the political malaise of the nation — and would also be the correct preventive medicine to ward off a deterioration in Israel's relations with Washington. Calling himself "a dove on the territory, but a hawk in peace," he says, "I see a danger, in the longer range, of U.S. pressure for an overall settlement which would involve maximal territorial concessions but would be weak on the content of the peace.... They are getting fed up.... One day they might just lay it down the line to us: take it or leave it."

Yariv believes American public opinion — and therefore the U.S. government — would support Israel's insistence on remaining at Sharm el-Sheikh (though the link to it, stipulated by the Labour Party, would be "a problem"). Amer-

Israel's policy—a view from America

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

David Landau interviewed Aaron Yariv, M.K., back from a mission in the U.S., where he found a growing belief that Israel is not doing enough to achieve peace.



Former Information Minister Yariv.

icans would also appreciate Israel's determination not to relinquish entirely the Golan Heights, he feels. But there would be no support for less modest demands.

Yariv says he was confronted in Washington with all the doubts, worries and concerns which perceptive Israeli observers have long warned were building up within American public opinion.

"They are wary of anything that even smacks of possible involvement — and they say so openly. Also, there is the growing reluctance to pay out large sums in foreign aid when America itself is beset with economic difficulties."

And there is the "fatigue," says Yariv, "which many Americans feel towards the Middle East conflict. They don't see the light at the end of the tunnel — and they want to see the light."

"Meanwhile the Arabs come forward with peace-sounding formulas, and we are perceived as intransigent."

Yariv expected to encounter these reactions before he went — "but my actual experience was sharper and more alarming than my predictions."

He found the Palestinian PLO problem at the focus of this frankly spoken discontent with Israel. Discontent, Yariv stresses, "which still stems in most instances from a genuinely strong basic sympathy. (So many people began conversations by expressing their outrage at the assault on Zionism at the UN.)"

"Every single lawmaker whom I met raised the Palestinian problem. They asked me, with genuine concern, what Israel proposed to do about it." Yariv was here placed in a difficult position, because his own stance, the famous "Yariv-Shemtov formula," was out of step with government policy.

(The formula stipulates three conditions for talking with the PLO: that the PLO revoke those parts of the Palestine Covenant which speak of Israel's elimination; that it recognize Israel; and that it desist from terrorism.)

(It was actually disavowed at the time by Premier Rabin, though now, Yariv believes, Rabin himself has come round to it with his interview last weekend in "Nouvel Observateur." Mr. Rabin's aides deny that the interview represents any new departure.)

Over and above the question of formulations, there is still an essential difference between Rabin and Yariv (and the other doves) insofar as Rabin would not contemplate a third state under any conceivable circumstances.

Says Yariv: "I am also firmly against a third state in the present situation, and I always say I oppose a third state — though I don't say never, never. For giving back the West Bank, but retaining a prolonged military presence there. There could not realistically be a separate state there under those terms. On the other hand, if we ever achieve real peace talks, we might find ourselves able to consider a third state. But if you begin from the proposition of a third state, you are in effect underpinning the present PLO position."

He does not believe that Israel has been backing the wrong horse all these years by seeking a solution through Jordan. "In this period of ongoing flux, when there is no realistic possibility of a final solution, Hussein's existence is potentially helpful," he argues.

He still regrets the missed opportunity of August 1974 when, he believes, Israel could have launched interim talks with Jordan on the "Jericho enclave" scheme. He insists that there were "hints" from Jordan at that time that Hussein was interested in at least discussing that plan. (Government officials today contend that Israel received no such hints and that as far as Israel knew Jordan was interested only in a "disengagement" along the entire length of the Jordan River — which even the doves flatly rejected.)

The main purpose of Yariv's mission to the U.S. was to help explain Israel's military needs to sceptical and parsimonious lawmakers. By all accounts, he performed with exemplary skill and effectiveness. One source in Washington told *The Jerusalem Post* privately that "Yariv is the best spokesman Israel has."

(Despite the renewed rumours, however, he is not being groomed to take over as ambassador there — mainly because he does not want the post, for personal reasons, the same reasons that prevented him accepting it back in 1973.)

At issue was the question of the

military balance. Yariv was faced by lawmakers who had heard the testimony of Deputy Defence Secretary Chaim Bar, asserting that Israel was stronger than on the eve of the Yom Kippur War, both relatively and absolutely, and remain so until at least 1980.

While the Pentagon and intelligence experts were not called upon to make recommendations, their implication was clear: that the aid bill should be passed.

It was a "strange situation," says Yariv, with Kissinger lobbying strongly for the full amount, which President Ford himself had requested, and other branches of the Administration wanting it crumpled. "I can't explain it," he admits. "Some say it's a sign of the times, reflecting a lack of coordination in Washington. Others see Machiavellian designs. I certainly think it would be a mistake to personalize it. Clements and Colby were expressing the assessment of the entire intelligence community."

The basic difference is that while the assessment takes account only of the Arab confrontation, states — and chiefly of Egypt and Syria — Israel argues — also be considered. These states can contribute, Yariv explains, arms and men to fight — or at least to pin down Israeli forces. The Americans argue that such contributions would arrive too late to affect the battle, but Yariv demurs.

The Saudis, for instance, maintain a force in Jordan at the present time. The Moroccans sent expeditionary forces to Syria during the Yom Kippur War, which fought, and fought hard.

It is wrong, too, he continues, to make light of Jordan, as the American assessment does. Even if it is assumed that Jordan does not pose an offensive threat (a shaky assumption at best), Jordan's well-trained army of six divisions would obviously keep a large Israeli force pinned down.

The Saudis could widen the theatre of operations from their own air and sea bases in the Gulf of East and the Red Sea, Iraq and Yemen likewise. And the Algerians and Libyans could certainly pose additional hazards to Israeli shipping in the Mediterranean.

The effect of equipment purchases and stocks by the second-line states was already felt, Yariv recalls, in the Yom Kippur War. By Sadat's own admission, Egypt then made use of Libyan planes and tanks, and today Libya boasts more than 1,000 tanks. "We do not say take all of it into account, but some of it at least must be considered."

Yariv also sought in Washington to challenge "the famous 3:1 ratio" (the widely-held belief that with this balance of disadvantage Israel can hold its own against the Arabs).

"Perhaps it's our own fault that this notion has taken root — but why say 3:1 is a good thing? Especially for a country which must mobilize its manpower and which is sensitive to high losses (which, last point the Americans appreciate)." The 3:1 myth loses even more of its validity in "the high number game," Yariv explains. When the figures were 500 tanks against 1,500 the lopsided odds were perhaps still bearable; but 2,000 against 6,000 is "a different ball-game."

Furthermore, "every military man understands that you actually need a numerical advantage to launch an attack."

POSTSCRIPTS

An extravagant memento

CONFERENCES have come to be remembered by participants not so much for their sparkling speeches or inspiring resolutions, as for the good-looking portfolios distributed to all comers.

This week's Zionist General Council was no exception. The 110 delegates, plus scores of non-voting observers and (admittedly) journalists, radio and TV technicians and friends, each received a tan, simulated-leather portfolio. And inside each zippered pouch (costing up to IL40 in the shops), were two plastic ballpoint pens, a writing pad and about two kilos of soft-cover reports and booklets on the activities of the World Zionist Organization.

Congress organizers used not always to be so extravagant. A simple cardboard or plastic folder once sufficed. But since delegates began to receive fancier portfolios, the Jewish Agency, WZO and other organizers felt they couldn't do less. This week the WZO's busy public relations and press office was besieged with requests for the coveted portfolios by Jewish Agency staffers and others.

In accordance with calls for belt-tightening, the WZO and Jewish Agency should put the booklets in a prominent (and supervised) place for those who want to read them, and not in every portfolio. And while they're at it, they should put a moratorium on portfolios altogether. Since so many of the same people attend these congresses year after year, why shouldn't they get reminders, along with their invitations, to "please bring your old portfolios with you."



A WOMAN who must be the oldest naturalized American citizen took her oath of allegiance in Manhattan last week. UPI reports.

Mrs. Myka Mrnacaj, who is going on for 112, died from Albania to Yugoslavia with her husband and children in 1903. Though she was then 95 she made the trek over the mountains on foot. Her husband died in 1973 at the age of 108 and she arrived in New York in 1974 to live with a son and almost immediately, she applied for citizenship. A special bill was introduced into Congress to waive the residency and language requirements for citizenship in her case and it was signed by President Ford just before Christmas. The new American's son, aged a mere 55, attributes his mother's advanced age and good health to the fact that she worked on a farm for most of her life. But he added: "She likes a drop of whiskey with her coffee in the mornings."

PORTION OF THIS WEEK

Sacrificing the self

Sidra: Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16)

THERE WERE THREE PROPHETS, one of whom was zealous for the honour of both the father and the son, one only for the father's honour, and one only for the son's.

Jeremiah spoke up for both the father and the son, as it is said (Lamentations 3:42): "We have sinned and rebelled, and You (God) have not forgiven." That is why he was granted an added measure of prophecy, as it is said (Jeremiah 33:32): "...and much else was added to the same effect." Elijah spoke up only for the father, as it is said (I Kings 19:14): "...Because of my great zeal for God, the God of Hosts, the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and put Your Prophets to death with the sword." And what is said immediately afterwards? "God said to him (Elijah): 'Go back... and anoint... Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah to be Prophet in your stead.' ... Not that Elisha could really fill Elijah's place, but Elijah's zealotness had become intolerable.

Jonah spoke up only for the son, as it is said (Jonah 1:3): "But Jonah set out to escape from God." Rabbis Nathan says: Jonah set out to drown himself in the sea, as it is said (Jonah 1:12): "He said to them (the sailors): 'Take me and throw me overboard.'"

We find that Moses and the Prophets were ready to sacrifice themselves for the Jewish People. What does Moses say? "If You (God) will forgive them, forgive. If not, please erase me from the book You have written" (Exodus 32:32).

And what does David say? "...he said to God: 'It is I who have done wrong, the sin is mine; but these sheep (the Jewish People) — what have they done?' 'Let Your hand fall upon me and my family.' (II Samuel 24:17). So we find everywhere that the fathers and the Prophets were ready to sacrifice themselves for the Jewish People (Mishna Derabbi Yishmael, Bo, 1; Avot Derabbi Nathan, version B, 47, Schechter edition).

YALKUT SHIMONI, Yirmiyahu, 381 comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Jeremiah 48:13-28): The synagogues and study-houses of Babylonia are destined to be transferred to and permanently established in Eretz Yisrael (Megilla 28a).

READERS' LETTERS

PRESS BESMEARS THE COUNTRY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir: — What an ugly little country is Israel! Petty, mean, self-destructive, and peopled by men and women who despise each other. At least, if I believed what I am being served day in and day out by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Murder, rape, theft and corruption are rampant. Brother is pitted against brother. The country's leaders are all-wise without aim, purpose or policy. The Knesset is full of shouting idiots, protecting vested interests. Criminal thugs are running the Histadrut, unpunished by decent courts of law.

If I were an Arab, I'd be filled with glee. Another five years, and I would not have to fight for a secular Palestine. Israel would be going into receivership, a morally, politically and financially bankrupt country. Any take-over bid would have to be accepted by those Jews still remaining in the area.

Is this picture as it emerges from the Israeli press (as quoted around the globe) the true one? Of course not! I spend enough time in Israel — not I spend enough time in Israel — three to four months out of the year — to know much better. How many are the things there are to be proud of in my beloved country Israel! Unfortunately, they hardly ever get into the press, they are not "news." No, Israel is not ugly, but some of Israel's newspapers are. Of them I am ashamed. They besmirch me, my country and my people in the eyes of the world.

All I beg of you is to produce a balanced picture of Israel, and not to sell the country down the river, as American journalists did at the time of Watergate (and lived to regret having gone overboard).

DR. BERTHOLD WYLER
Geneva, December 22.

PEACE COUNCIL IS NON-PARTY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir: — Since I am deeply convinced that peace in our area will only be achieved after we will have reached an agreement with the Palestinian Arabs, I accepted the invitation of some like-minded people from various parties and groups to join the organizing committee of the Israel Council for Peace with the Palestinians. I have been active in this field since the Balfour Declaration.

The Council is being set up on a non-party basis and anyone who subscribes to our goal and so desires can join us in order to persuade Israeli public opinion and the Government to accept our arguments, aims and activities in favour of peace. In order to avoid further wars which might endanger our very existence.

Neither I nor any other member of the Council is acting as representative of a public body and we invite supporters of our aims to join us.

ELIAHU ELIAHAZ,
Honorary President
Israel Council for Peace with the Palestinians
P.O. Box 617
Jerusalem, January 4.

EXPLOITING THE ARAB REFUGEES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir: — In one of your recent columns, there appeared excerpts from a Christmas statement given out by a VIP ecclesiastic: "...we want to invite the children of Israel to recognise the rights and legitimate aspirations of another people which also has suffered for so long — the Palestinian people."

In the Middle East, this means total evacuation by Jews and occupation by Arabs, as seen again in the statement of the Shah of Iran and President Assad of Syria (December 30).

As a Christian, I must dissociate myself again from the Christmas statement above. There is in it the continuing implication that it is Israel which is responsible for the problems of the "Palestinian people." There is no mention of Israel's neighbours recognising the "rights and legitimate aspirations of another people which also has suffered for so long" — the Jewish people. Are the ecclesiastics not yet aware of who made the problem and why it has been continued by them?

Why is only Israel left to bear the blame? Why this double standard? Are Christians, and others, unable to see that only genocide, not peace, can result from forcing evacuation by Israel and occupation by Arabs — without a firm and peaceful recognition of Israel — for the sake of those

who continually state that their ultimate goal is Israel's destruction. Haled at Amn, the Prime Minister of Syria in 1949-49, wrote in his memoirs in 1973 of the Arab failure in 1948: "The fifth fact (in the failure) was the call by the Arab Governments to the inhabitants of Palestine to evacuate it and to leave for the bordering Arab countries. Since 1948 we have been demanding the return of the refugees to their homes; but we ourselves are the ones who encourage them to leave... we have brought destruction on a million Arab refugees."

Robert Richard Burton was sent by the U.S. Government to the Middle East in 1953 to study the Arab refugee problem. The U.S. allocated 2,000 visas for Arab refugees, but "the Arab governments told us," he wrote, "that they would not let the refugees enter... They wanted to hold the refugees there to act as a festering sore on the borders of Israel thereby causing as much misery to the Israelis as they could..."

These citations are sufficiently known for the VIP referred to above and others to be able to act in their light. May they begin to do so in 1976 — for the sake of peace.

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